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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 6527

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SUBJECT: US-EC PRESIDENTIAL DIALOGUE: AGENDA FOR EC-9

MINISTERS MEETING NOVEMBER 29-30

1. ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL AGENDA FOR SUMMIT MEETING OF EC-9 MINISTERS HERE NOVEMBER 29-30, MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUTTEN ASSUMED THAT MINISTERS WOULD DISCUSS FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: EUROPEAN ECONOMIC SITUATION, NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE; POSSIBLY CIEC, ALTHOUGH IN LIGHT OF INFORMATION FROM PARIS THAT MINISTERIAL MEETING MIGHT BE POSTPONED, SOME OF NINE FAVOR DROPPING SUBJECT; TINDEMANS REPORT; COMMISSION-JAPANESE ISSUES; AND NEW EUROPEAN COMMISSION, BUT IT SEEMED UNLIKELY ALL NEW MEMBERS WOULD BE NAMED. THERE HAD ALSO BEEN CONTINUED PRESSURE FROM ITALY TO DISCUSS MALTA, BUT IT SEEMED THAT THIS WAS MORE LIKELY TO BE REFERRED TO EC-9 EXPERT GROUP. CALLAGHAN HAD INDICATED HOPE THAT MINISTERS MIGHT DISCUSS POSSIBLE
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MANDATE TO NEW PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL TO REVIEW TERMS

OF REFERENCE.

2. WE DETECT CONSIDERABLE WEARINESS IN MFA, WHICH
DOES NOT EXPECT SUMMIT TO LEAD TO CONCRETE RESULTS.
ALSO, THERE HAS SO FAR BEEN ALMOST TOTAL LACK OF PRESS
INTEREST.

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